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NOTIFICATION OF REASONS FOR REJECTION

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The present application should be rejected for the following reasons. If you have an opinion concerning this, please submit a statement of opinion within 60 days of the date of dispatch of this notification.

## Reasons

The inventions claimed in the following claims of the present application are inventions that could easily have been invented prior to the filing of the application by a person having an ordinary knowledge of the technical field to which the inventions belong on the basis of inventions described in the following publications, which were disseminated in Japan or in foreign countries prior to the filing of the application. Thus, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, these inventions cannot be patented.

## Note

- 1. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H6-260812
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H6-252611

Regarding the Inventions of Claims 1 through 5 and 7:

Above-mentioned Cited Examples 1 and 2

A nonreciprocal circuit device that has a case composed of a magnetic metal plate formed with a gap is described in each of Cited Examples 1 and 2 mentioned above.

In regard to the inventions claimed in claims other than the claims indicated in this Notification of Reasons for Rejection, no reasons for rejection have been discovered at this time. If reasons for rejection are newly discovered, you will be notified of these reasons for rejection.

Record of Results of Survey of Prior Art References

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• Prior Art References:

Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H8-78911 Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H11-168305

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